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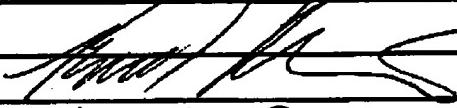
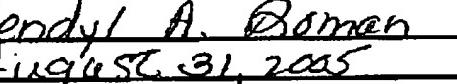
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In response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2005, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

1. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.
2. Amendments to the Specification begin on page 5 of this paper.
3. Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.
4. A copy of the published application, publication number US 2001/0049621, is attached as an appendix that begins on page 9 of this paper.